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# This week's big news



A girl leaving Sudan with her family

## How you can help



If you'd like to help people in Sudan, your family could consider donating to a group that conducts relief operations there. Options include Save the Children, which helps young people; UNICEF, which is working to meet health and nutrition needs; and the Sudan Humanitarian Fund, which supports aid workers on the front lines of the conflict.

# Humanitarian crisis in Sudan

A war that broke out 14 months ago in Sudan has brought the nation to the edge of a humanitarian crisis. Located in northeastern Africa, Sudan is a nation of 47.6 million people and one of the largest countries on the continent, covering 734,000 square miles.

### What is happening?

The civil war (conflict between groups within a country) has become a "catastrophe," said Linda Thomas-Greenfield, the US ambassador to the United Nations (UN, group of 193 countries working together). More than 14,000 people have died, and about 9 million people have had to flee their homes. About 2 million of them have fled to nearby countries, including Chad, which is struggling to cope with the arrivals. An estimated 18 million people in Sudan are facing severe hunger, and experts warned that the nation could soon experience the world's worst famine (extreme lack of food) in 40 years.



Sudan's new leaders developed into a war. The conflict involved General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, the army commander who was acting as the head of government, and his deputy, General Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, the leader of a paramilitary group (not part of the official armed forces) called the Rapid Support Forces (RSF). The two men disagreed on the nation's direction and wanted to maintain their positions of power and influence.

### Why are people going hungry?

The war has disrupted Sudan's food supply by driving many farmers off their land, damaging factories, and causing the deaths of farm animals. The cost of food has risen as the supply has decreased. In addition, both the army and the RSF have been accused of blocking food from reaching people. Another concern is the expected arrival of heavy flooding, which could further disrupt the delivery of goods.

### What is the war about?

In 2021, Sudan's military took control of the nation in a coup (sudden government takeover). In April 2023, a power struggle between two of

which leads America's global humanitarian efforts) announced that it would send more than \$315 million in aid, and a partnership between the UN's World Food Program and the relief group World Vision has begun delivering food to more than 50,000 people inside Sudan. Some agencies are also preparing to provide assistance at Sudan's borders and in refugee camps where about 8 million people are now living. The UN and many other international organizations have called for an end to the fighting, and USAID chief Samantha Power urged the Sudanese army and RSF forces to stop blocking aid that could save millions of lives.

### What will happen next?

The UN has issued an emergency appeal to its member nations for \$2.7 billion. About 17% of that amount has been received so far, and the UN will continue its efforts to raise the rest. Meanwhile, aid organizations are working to find ways to send food and other necessities to Sudan. The International Criminal Court has also issued a request for evidence of war crimes that have been committed by the Sudanese military and the RSF. Thomas-Greenfield told the UN Security Council that world leaders must "take further action until we have achieved peace for the Sudanese people."

### What is being done to help?

Governments and organizations are stepping up to provide support. For example, the US Agency for International Development (USAID,



## Voyager probe resumes duties

The space probe Voyager 1 has begun sending a regular stream of data back to Earth for the first time since it malfunctioned about seven months ago. Voyager 1 is the farthest spacecraft from Earth, about 15 billion miles away. NASA, the US space agency, fixed the probe after realizing one of its computer chips was not working correctly.

Voyager 1 and its sister probe, Voyager 2, launched in 1977 to explore the solar system and, later, interstellar space (the area between stars). In November 2023, NASA announced that Voyager 1 was sending garbled information. Scientists made changes to its computer programming, and two of its four science instruments resumed standard communications in May. Now the team has found a way to avoid using the faulty chip, and all four instruments are sending back usable data.

The probe is now successfully gathering information about the region beyond the Sun's bubble of magnetic fields and particles, called the heliosphere. NASA hopes the spacecraft will continue sharing these insights until about 2030.



### AMAZING ANIMALS

Unlike most other whales, belugas have flexible necks, that allow them to turn their head in every direction.

## Whales rescued from Ukraine

In a major international effort amid the ongoing war in Ukraine, two beluga whales have been transported from that country to an aquarium in Valencia, Spain. The mission took months of planning due to the whales' health needs and size, as belugas can weigh up to 1.8 tons.

Plombrir, a 15-year-old male beluga, and Miranda, a 14-year-old female, were previously living at the NEMO Dolphinarium in Kharkiv, Ukraine. Since Russia invaded the country in 2022, seals, sea lions, and dolphins have been moved out of the aquarium. Recently, as fighting approached the area and the aquarium faced shortages of electricity and supplies, including whale food such as fresh squid and mackerel, caregivers urged that the whales be relocated.

The mission was led by an international team, including marine experts from SeaWorld and the Georgia Aquarium in the US and Oceanogràfic de Valencia in Spain. The belugas traveled nearly 3,000 miles in tanks weighing 20,000 pounds.

The whales' journey began on June 17 with a 12-hour road trip through Ukraine, where veterinarians from the international team conducted health checks. The animals and their caregivers crossed the border to Moldova and then took a five-hour flight to Valencia on June 19.

The Spanish aquarium said Plombrir and Miranda were in a fragile state of health upon arrival and that experts are working to help them recover. Carlos Mazón, top official of Valencia, called the rescue "a historic feat of animal protection."

## IT'S AN AMAZING WEEK FOR...



### WATCHING WOMEN'S HOOPS

The Women's National Basketball Association reported that about 400,000 fans attended games in May—the highest number in 26 years. Games on TV averaged 1.3 million viewers, nearly triple last year's number.



### MERMAIDS ON PARADE

The 42nd annual Mermaid Parade made a splash along Surf Avenue in New York City's Coney Island on June 22. The event features people dressed in elaborate sea creature costumes—because "life is too serious," said Marta Berk, one of the participants.

### A THOUGHTFUL SEND-OFF

"Reach under your chairs," senior class president Mason Macuch told his 180 classmates at their high school graduation in Massachusetts. Macuch had written a personal letter to every student. "My hope is that the notes will bring back happy memories when they look at them years from now," he said.



Mason Macuch and a classmate



# National news



Surgeon General  
Dr. Vivek Murthy

## Phone-free schools



Leaders of the Los Angeles Unified School District in California have voted to ban the use of cell phones by students while on school premises. The policy aims to reduce anxiety and increase happiness of the more than 600,000 students who attend school in the nation's second largest district.

# Warning label proposed for social media

The US surgeon general, Dr. Vivek Murthy, the nation's chief public health officer, has proposed placing a warning label on social media platforms. The label would advise people that platforms such as TikTok and Instagram could be harmful to the mental health of young people.

### What happened?

Although a warning label is one of the most powerful tools available to the surgeon general, he cannot require it. That action must be taken by Congress (the branch of government that makes laws). So Dr. Murthy asked lawmakers to pass a bill requiring tech companies to add the label. He also recommended that parents set limits on their children's phone use, and he called

on tech companies to make their social media platforms safer for young people.

### Why was the recommendation made?

Many of the features of social media, such as push notifications, autoplay, and infinite scroll, are designed to hold the attention of users. This can lead to excessive use of social media, which Dr. Murthy said is particularly harmful to young people whose brains are still developing. Research has also shown that children ages 12 to 15 who spend more than three hours a day on social media face a higher risk of depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues than children who spend less time on the platforms. Excessive use of social media can also disrupt sleep and increase the risk of bullying.

### How did people react?

Supporters of the proposal said it's a good idea because warning labels have proven to change people's behavior. After Congress approved a warning label for cigarette packages, for example, the percentage of US adults who smoke dropped from about 42% in 1965 to 11.5% in 2021. Tech companies and other opponents of the proposal said it oversimplifies the issue of child safety, ignores the value of social connection online, and violates the right to free speech.

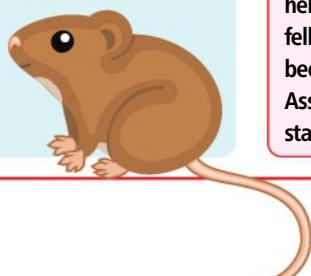
### What will happen next?

Congress will consider Dr. Murthy's proposal. If a bill is passed, a committee would be created to design the warning label and decide how it would appear on social media platforms.

### WORD OF THE WEEK

**DORMOUSE**

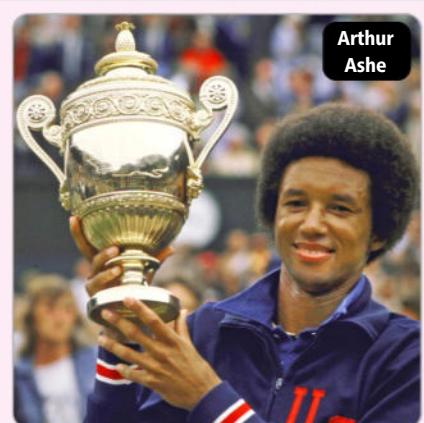
Dormice are tiny, mouse-like rodents with bushy tails, long whiskers, and big round eyes. Their name is based on the French word *dormir*, meaning "to sleep," because the dormouse is a creature that likes to hibernate during the winter months.



### THE WEEK IN HISTORY

**July 5, 1975**

Arthur Ashe is Wimbledon champion  
On July 5, 1975, American tennis player Arthur Ashe (1943–1993) became the first Black man to win the Wimbledon Championships, one of the sport's most prestigious tournaments, held in the UK. In a major upset, Ashe beat fellow American Jimmy Connors, who had been favored to win. In 1997, the US Tennis Association named its centerpiece tennis stadium in New York City after Arthur Ashe.



Arthur Ashe



Jeff Landry



## Controversial law in Louisiana

On June 19, Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry, a Republican, signed a law requiring the Ten Commandments to be displayed in every public K-12 and college classroom in the state. The Ten Commandments are religious directives from the Bible, and no other state has this mandate. On June 24, nine Louisiana families filed a legal challenge to the law, arguing it violates the US Constitution, which prohibits the government from promoting a religion.



## Team USA uniforms revealed

The uniforms American athletes will wear for the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2024 Paris Olympics have been unveiled by designer Ralph Lauren, who has outfitted Team USA at nine consecutive Olympics and Paralympics. The athletes will wear a blazer and striped shirt for the opening ceremony. Moto-style jackets and white jeans (above) will be worn at the closing ceremony.



## USPS stamps feature horses

The US Postal Service has released new Forever stamps featuring horses. The set, designed with photographs of five different horses, was revealed at the start of a ride retracing a historic route called the Pony Express. Riders on horseback used this 1,966-mile passage from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California, to deliver mail and news in 1860 and 1861. One stamp will cost 73 cents.



**PATRIOTIC PLAYER**  
Willie Mays paused his baseball career when he was called to serve in the US Army from 1952 to 1954.

Willie Mays in 1955

## Baseball legend is remembered

Willie Mays, a former Major League Baseball (MLB) player, died on June 18 at the age of 93. Mays, who was the oldest living member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, was considered one of the greatest players in the history of the sport.

Mays was born in 1931 in Westfield, Alabama. At age 16, he joined the Birmingham Barons of the Negro Leagues, professional leagues that formed in the 1920s because Black players were excluded from teams with white athletes due to racism.

Mays made his MLB debut with the New York Giants in 1951. He batted .274 and hit 20 home runs that season, earning him the Rookie of the Year honor for the National League (NL). During the season, he was nicknamed the "Say Hey Kid." "When I broke in, I didn't know many people by name," Mays once explained. "I would just say, 'Say, hey,' and the writers picked that up."

In 1954, Mays won the NL's Most Valuable Player (MVP) award and led the Giants to the

World Series against the Cleveland Indians, where he made one of the most iconic plays in baseball history. It is known simply as "The Catch." With the score tied in the first game of the series, Mays ran hard to make an over-the-shoulder catch deep in center field. He then made a powerful throw to second base, which kept the runner from scoring. The Giants went on to win the series.

Mays stayed with the Giants after the team moved to San Francisco, California, and won another MVP award. He finished his career with the New York Mets, retiring in 1973.

During his career, Mays scored 2,068 runs, the seventh most of all time. He had 3,293 hits, including 660 home runs, the sixth most of all time. In 1979, he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

On the day his death was announced, a crowd formed at Willie Mays Plaza, outside the Giants' stadium. Fans gathered around a statue of Mays to pay their respects.



Willie Mays with President Barack Obama in 2015

## THE WEEK'S SILLIEST HEADLINE

**"Young bear spotted relaxing on a hammock in a Vermont yard" AP**





# Around the world



A hiker in  
Portugal

## Portugal

### World's longest hiking loop planned

Portugal is set to launch a 1,864-mile hiking loop to help divert visitors from crowded destinations like Lisbon and Porto. The route, called Palmilhar Portugal (Walking Portugal), will be the world's longest circular hiking trail when it is complete in three years. It will cover 100 scenic spots and pass through olive groves and coastlines. The first section of the route will open in July at Alenquer, north of Lisbon.



Wolf Ruck  
in his yard

## Canada

### Mississauga, Canada

#### Fighting for wilder yards

An increasing number of Canadians are going to court to fight for the right to rewild their yard (return it to a more natural state). One man, Wolf Ruck, told *The Guardian* he leaves his grass unmowed to help wildlife. But city officials said his yard violates laws against long grass and weeds, and workers were sent to cut it. Ruck is fighting the decision in court. He said his yard "simply seems to offend some neighbors who don't like the look of it."



## Spain

### Residents hold protest at beach

On June 16, about 300 local residents took over Caló des Moro beach on the Spanish island of Majorca to stage a protest against overcrowding by tourists. The beach is in a cove (small bay) that is popular with visitors who go there to take selfies. Among the concerns of the local residents is that tourism is causing beach erosion (gradual wearing away).

## Germany

### Better school bathrooms

Germany launched its first School Toilet Summit to seek ideas for improving school bathrooms. A study had found that half of German students avoid using the bathrooms because they are in such poor condition. Winning suggestions from students included adding potted plants, disco balls, cell phone holders, and more toilet paper.



Reporters at  
the summit



## Uganda

### Artifacts returned

The University of Cambridge announced the return of 39 traditional artifacts to Uganda. The return is for a three-year period, with the possibility that the items will remain in Uganda permanently. Uganda is one of many African nations that have asked for the return of cultural treasures that were stolen in colonial times. The university's return, which includes tribal regalia and pottery, was reported to be one of the most significant in years.

#### An artifact



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# Around the world



The yacht crew at court

## Hydra, Greece Boat's crew arrested

Greek authorities arrested 13 crew members of a yacht after fireworks launched from their vessel set off a fire on Hydra, a Greek island. The blaze began on June 21 and burned 300 acres of pine forest before it was extinguished by firefighters. The mayor of Hydra expressed "outrage" and vowed legal action against those responsible.



Celebrations in Thailand

## Thailand Landmark marriage bill passes

Thailand's Senate approved a marriage equality bill on June 18, paving the way for Thailand to be the first country in Southeast Asia to legalize same-sex marriage. The bill, which passed with 130 senators in favor, 18 abstaining, and four opposing, is expected to be signed into law by Thailand's King Vajiralongkorn. One activist, Plaifah Kyoka Shodladd, age 18, said, "We can now proudly say Thailand has equal marriage."



Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong Un

## North Korea Russian president makes visit

President Vladimir Putin of Russia made a rare visit to North Korea to meet with that nation's supreme leader, Kim Jong Un. On June 19, they signed an agreement to support each other's countries in the event of military aggression against either nation. The leaders' public pledge of support signals the two countries' growing alignment, while other nations continue to condemn Russia for its ongoing war in Ukraine.

## Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo Dancers flock to festival

Dancers from around the world traveled to the annual Goma Dance Festival. The festival, which has been running for seven years, is the largest dance event in the country. Virginie Magumba, a 22-year-old dancer from Goma, won the festival's prize for Best Congolese Dancer. She said, "Dancing helps me liberate myself, manage my emotions, and not feel all alone."



Performers at the festival



An oyster organizer

## Tasmania, Australia Tourists invited to do "odd jobs"

Tasmania's tourist board is advertising a selection of "odd jobs" to encourage people to visit the island in winter. The 10 jobs include wombat walker, star seeker, and oyster organizer. The roles are unpaid, but people who take them will have their travel, food, and hotels paid for. Tourism Tasmania is hoping the idea will help boost visitor numbers in winter.



# The big debate

## Are airline fees out of control?

Extra charges are soaring, and many travelers say they're just too high.

### What you need to know

- Airline fees, sometimes called junk or surprise fees, include charges for baggage, boarding, and seats. They're often hidden from customers until after tickets are booked.
- In the US, airlines collected about \$5.5 billion in baggage fees in 2023.
- The White House has begun requiring clear, upfront pricing intended to save people \$500 million in fees.
- Several major US airlines, including Delta, United, and JetBlue, said the plan will only confuse customers.



### TAKING FLIGHT

The first commercial passenger flight departed on January 1, 1914, from St. Petersburg, Florida.

This summer, travel industry experts predict that 271 million people will hit the skies on US airlines. That's a record number, and 6% more flights are needed to accommodate them. Most of those millions of travelers will pay the base fare for each flight plus additional fees. Seat charges can range from about \$30 to more than \$150 per flight, while checking a single bag can cost between \$35 and \$100. All those costs are double for round-trip travel. While this may seem unfair to customers, airlines say the extra fees help them keep up with fuel and labor costs, which have increased sharply. What do you think? Are airline fees out of control?

### Yes—airlines are overdoing it

The price of air travel is sky-high, and ticket prices have already increased by about 25% this year. It's wrong for airlines to demand fees on top of that. Much of the time those fees aren't even for first class or extra perks—they just cover economy seats and one checked bag. And some airlines disguise the actual cost of a flight by offering a fare at a certain amount without all the fees and extras. They draw people in with one price, but it ends up being higher, which seems unfair. At this rate, people won't be able to afford to fly. They'll have to travel by train or car, and the airline industry would lose business. That doesn't help anyone.

### No—when costs rise, so do prices

The reality is that operating an airline is expensive, and costs keep going up. As the price of employee wages, jet fuel, and food and drinks increases, so do ticket prices and fees. This is common sense, and it's happening in many different industries. Like any business, airlines need to earn a profit to survive. If they don't make enough money, they would have to eliminate overhead, including jobs, and would be forced to cancel flights. No one would be happy about that. Besides, you can't blame the airlines if people buy a ticket but don't read the fine print about fees and extras. No one is forcing them to do it.



#### YES Three reasons why airline fees are out of control

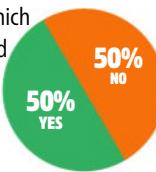
- 1 Air travel is already getting more and more expensive, and it's not right for airlines to add fees on top of that.
- 2 Some airlines make it hard for people to know exactly how much a flight will cost, which is not fair.
- 3 People might have to use other forms of transportation. That's not good for airlines.

#### NO Three reasons why airline fees are not out of control

- 1 Expenses are increasing for the airlines, so they have no choice but to charge passengers more to cover those costs.
- 2 If airlines don't make a profit, they might have to cut service and jobs, and staff would lose their livelihoods.
- 3 People need to pay attention when they book flights and look out for any extra fees.

#### LAST WEEK'S POLL

Last week, we asked if singers should stop swearing in their songs. Your answers were a tie, which has happened only twice before in *The Week Junior*!



### What do you think?

Now that you've read a bit more about this issue, visit [kids.theweekjunior.com/polls](https://kids.theweekjunior.com/polls) so you can vote in our debate. Vote **YES** if you think airline fees are out of control or **NO** if you don't. We'll publish the results next week.

The goal of the big debate is to present two sides of an issue fairly in order to stimulate discussion and allow our readers to make up their minds. The views on this page do not reflect those of *The Week Junior*, and the page is not funded by third parties.



# Sharing her wealth

Melinda French Gates is focusing her donations on women and girls.

Melinda French Gates, a world-famous business executive and philanthropist, has unveiled plans to donate \$1 billion over the next two years to organizations and initiatives that provide support to women and girls worldwide.

French Gates, age 59, grew up in Dallas, Texas, and became interested in computer science through an advanced math class in seventh grade. She studied computer science and economics at Duke University, where she also earned a business degree. In 1987, she joined Microsoft and worked there in high-level roles for nearly a decade.

From 1994 to 2021, she was married to Microsoft cofounder Bill Gates. In 2000, they established The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, whose efforts include funding major institutions such as UNICEF and the World Health Organization, supporting

disease research, and helping farmers cope with climate change. The foundation has given nearly \$78 billion in 130 countries.

On June 7, French Gates resigned as co-chair of the foundation. She said that recent legislation affecting women's healthcare in the US made her want to focus primarily on women's issues. Her investment company, Pivotal Ventures, will distribute the promised

\$1 billion. About \$200 million of it will go to organizations fighting for women's health rights while unspecified amounts will go to causes that include gender equality, economic security, education, and nonprofit journalism.

In a *New York Times* essay she wrote to announce her plan, she said, "Decades of research on economics, well-being, and governance make it clear that investing in women and girls benefits everyone."

**MAJOR MEDAL**  
Melinda French Gates received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in 2016.



Melinda French Gates

## An inspiring activist

Kevin J. Patel of Los Angeles, California, was age 12 when he was diagnosed with an irregular heartbeat caused by air pollution in his hometown. It led him to dedicate his life to climate activism, and he founded the nonprofit OneUpAction International in 2019. It engages young people of color and teens from underserved communities in fighting environmental concerns. The group organizes rallies and advocates for laws that will protect the climate. "The possibilities are endless when we do something," he said.



Kevin J. Patel



Jay Philip

## Top honor for teacher

At the 77th Tony Awards (top theater awards) on June 16, the Excellence in Theater Education Award went to Clay Philip, an actor, dancer, and educator from Baltimore, Maryland. She is the founder and artistic director of Dance & Bmore, an organization that offers free music classes to people of all ages, especially young artists. Philip used to work in theater and has performed in Broadway productions and national tours such as *Hairspray* and *Legally Blonde*. Of the award, Philip said, "Exposure to the theater and theater arts improves everyone's quality of life."

## OVERHEARD



**"Every year that goes by, every day that goes by, you're building onto the narrative of your own life."**

Filmmaker Richard Linklater, age 63, who has directed more than 30 films, including *School of Rock* (2003) and *Apollo 10 1/2* (2022)



# Animals and the environment



A sea otter  
underwater

**DEEP DIVERS**  
When looking for food, otters can dive as deep as 250 feet below the surface.

## Another tool specialist

Capuchin monkeys are also known to use tools to access food. Bearded capuchins in Brazil have been seen using stones to dig for food. Recently, researchers observed some bearded capuchins using sticks as probes to reach tasty spiders in underground burrows.



A capuchin

## How sea otters use tools to survive

It's not easy being a sea otter. Most of the marine mammal's favorite foods are hidden inside shells or spines. Their preferred prey, sea urchins and abalones, are easy to break open using the otter's teeth and an occasional tool, but these creatures are becoming harder to find. Now a study has shed light on how using tools enables otters to safely feed on other kinds of animals.

Sea otters live in the Pacific Ocean off the coasts of North America and Asia. They are important inhabitants of kelp (seaweed) forests and estuaries (places where a river meets the sea). To stay healthy, they have to eat about 25% of their body weight

in food each day. Abalones and urchins have declined in some areas, so otters have turned to hard-shelled prey like clams, snails, and crabs.

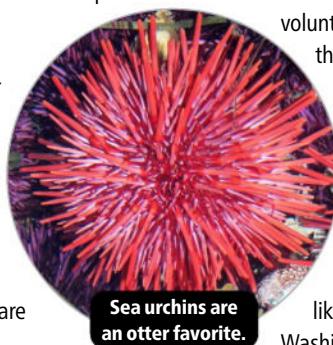
In the new study, researchers and volunteer "otter spotters" monitored the behavior of 196 southern sea otters off the coast of California. They observed otters using tools—such as rocks, shells, and even glass bottles and other trash—to crack open the shells of their prey. For example, one otter used a rock like a hammer to break open a Washington clam.

The team found that otters that used tools were less likely to have tooth damage than otters that did not use tools. This is important

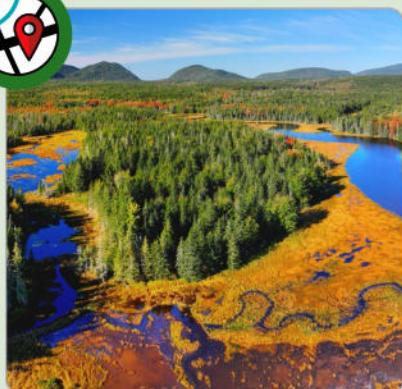
for the animals because otters with heavily damaged teeth are at risk of starving. They also found that female otters were more likely to use tools than males were, which enabled the females to eat harder and larger prey.

"The females are likely using tools to overcome their smaller body size and weaker biting ability," said Chris Law, the study's lead author. "Raising pups takes a lot of energy, and the females need to be efficient in their foraging. The study shows that tool use is an important behavior for survival."

Otters are not the only species known to use tools. Female dolphins, chimpanzees, and bonobos are also believed to use tools more frequently than the males of their species, and it is possible that these females also teach their offspring how to use tools.



Sea urchins are  
an otter favorite.



## PLACE OF THE WEEK

Acadia National Park, Maine

Located on and around Maine's Mount Desert Island, Acadia National Park is considered the crown jewel of the North Atlantic coast. The park has rocky cliffs, beaches, mountains, and forests, plus more than 158 miles of hiking trails. Moose, Atlantic puffins, barred owls, and beavers are among many animals that live there. Baby seals can sometimes be seen along the seashore. One of the park's most famous animals is the peregrine falcon, which returns every spring to nest. The falcon is a top predator and the fastest animal on the planet. For more information, visit [nps.gov/acad](http://nps.gov/acad).



A barred owl



## FOOT FACT

A bumblebee's feet are covered with an oily substance that leaves scented "footprints" for other bees to find.



Bees worked together to move a block.

## Bumblebees are great teammates

Bumblebees are smarter than scientists previously thought. A new study shows they can work as a team to gain a reward.

Researchers in Finland trained captive buff-tailed bumblebees to overcome obstacles for a nectar reward. One task was to topple a Lego block. The second was to go through a clear tunnel and push a small door. Some bees were trained to work alone, while others worked in pairs and got the nectar only if they pushed together.

When one partnered bee was delayed in starting, they waited for their teammates

to arrive instead of trying to move the obstacle alone. Some even turned around in the tunnel, as if looking for the other bee, until their partner came along.

The study challenges the idea that only animals with big brains are capable of doing cooperative tasks. "We were surprised by how the bumblebees took into account their partners' movements," Olli Loukola, the lead author of the study, told *Forbes* magazine. Experts will need to do further research to find out whether the insects fully understand why a partner is important.

## Animal of the Week

### Peruvian diving petrel



After more than 40 years, Peruvian diving petrels have returned to Pajaros Uno island in Chile. The rare seabirds left after rats preyed on their eggs and chicks. Conservationists eliminated the rats and played bird calls to attract the petrels back.

- **LIFE SPAN:** Up to 15 years
- **HABITAT:** Cold waters west of South America
- **SIZE:** Between about 8 and 10 inches
- **DIET:** Plankton, fish larvae, and anchovies
- **FUN FACT:** Peruvian diving petrels use their wings as paddles to swim underwater.



## Good week / Bad week



### Hazel dormice

A conservation organization released 10 tiny hazel dormice into a woodland in the UK county of Bedfordshire as part of a plan to boost the species' population. So far, the group has released 1,112 of the creatures across 13 counties.

### Alaskan waterways

In parts of Alaska, rivers and streams that are usually blue are turning orange. The color comes from toxic metals that have been released from the soil. Researchers say it is the result of warmer weather melting frozen ground.



## Enter *The Week Junior's Nature Photo Contest!*

Do you love taking photographs of plants, flowers, trees, and wildlife? Now is your chance to use your creativity, curiosity, and skills to enter *The Week Junior's Nature Photo Contest*. The entry form for 8- to 10-year-olds is at [tinyurl.com/TWJUS-2024PhotoContest-8-10](https://tinyurl.com/TWJUS-2024PhotoContest-8-10) and 11- to 14-year-olds at [tinyurl.com/TWJUS-2024PhotoContest-11-14](https://tinyurl.com/TWJUS-2024PhotoContest-11-14). Winning entries will be featured in a September 2024 issue of the magazine. See official rules at [theweekjunior.com/photocontestrules](https://theweekjunior.com/photocontestrules).



The deadline to enter is July 29.



# A place to celebrate

**A monument in Cleveland pays tribute to the greatest in the history of rock.**

Located on a city's lakefront in Ohio, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, also known as Rock Hall, celebrates the music legends.



**Alan Freed**

In 1983, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Foundation was established to create a museum that would document the history of rock music and honor legendary artists. The foundation, led by music industry executives, held a national competition to select a city for the venue. In May 1986, the foundation chose Cleveland, Ohio, where several record companies were located and where disc jockey Alan Freed brought the phrase "rock and roll" into the mainstream on 1950s radio. Famous architect I.M. Pei designed a glittering structure of geometric shapes in glass and metal on the shores of Lake Erie. On September 2, 1995, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame opened.



**Aretha Franklin**

## Who is honored?

The first honorees were inducted (admitted) years before the building was completed. In 1986, the first class included Chuck Berry, James Brown, Ray Charles, Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard, and Elvis Presley. Alan Freed was also inducted in the non-performer category. The following year, the hall admitted its first female inductee, Aretha Franklin. There are currently 394 inductees, and each artist has a signature plaque hanging in the hall. Among the inductees are the Beatles, Bon Jovi, Green Day, Led Zeppelin, LL Cool J, Stevie Nicks, Nirvana, Dolly Parton, Prince, the Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen, Tina Turner, U2, and the Who.



About 14 million people have visited the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame since it first opened.

## Rock Hall highlights

### John Lennon's Sgt. Pepper outfit

The star wore this look on the cover of the Beatles' 1967 album *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*.



### Elvis Presley's motorcycle

Elvis, called "The King of Rock 'n' Roll," loved motorcycles. His 1975 SuperTrike has been on loan to the hall since 2013.



### The Supremes' designer gowns

Known for their striking style, this superstar trio wore these sequined, feather-trimmed Bob Mackie gowns while performing in a 1969 TV special.



# legends in rock music



**MUSIC MAN**  
Eric Clapton is the only artist inducted three times, as a member of two bands and as a solo artist.



## Choosing nominees and inductees

Musicians are eligible for the Hall of Fame 25 years after the release of their first commercial recording (song for public sale). Other criteria include the influence of an artist on the development of rock and roll. Artists are inducted into one of four categories: performer, musical excellence (to honor veteran performers), musical influence, and non-performer (such as producers). A committee identifies nominees who meet the induction criteria, then narrows the list for a ballot. More than 1,000 music historians, industry professionals, and past inductees vote. Nominees with the highest votes are chosen for induction and celebrated in Cleveland or New York with a ceremony and performances by new and past inductees.



Cars from a U2 tour hang in the lobby.



### Johnny Cash's custom guitar

One of the country legend's favorite guitars, an acoustic Fender made for him, is displayed in the hall beside his trademark dark concert attire.



### Taylor Swift's catsuit

She isn't eligible for induction yet. But fans can see her black catsuit on exhibit. She wore it to the 2021 induction of singer-songwriter Carole King.



## The hall today

This year's Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place in Cleveland on October 19, with 16 inductees. The 2024 performer category includes Mary J. Blige, Cher, Dave Matthews Band, Foreigner, Peter Frampton, Kool & the Gang, Ozzy Osbourne, and A Tribe Called Quest. This year, the museum unveiled a special exhibit on revolutionary women in music. An expansion of more than 50,000 square feet is planned for the building by mid-2026.



## Tracing the survivors of Pompeii

When Mount Vesuvius erupted in Italy in the year 79, it buried the nearby city of Pompeii under about 20 feet of volcanic debris, killing thousands of people. The thick layers of ash and rock preserved the ruins of the city and the bodies of residents, which lay hidden until they were uncovered in the 1500s. Since then, archaeologists have been studying the ancient city to learn about life in Pompeii and the people who died there. Now they're also working to learn about those who survived—and what became of them.

Pompeii was a wealthy, bustling city. Horses and carriages clattered along its streets. People shopped at bakeries and markets or popped into the barbershop. Although scientists estimate that about 20,000 to 30,000 people lived there, only about 1,500 bodies have been found.

Steven Tuck of Miami University in Ohio has spent more than a decade trying to figure out what happened to everyone else. Tuck believes that many Pompeians managed to escape. The eruption that buried the city lasted for about 18 hours, which he said would have given people time to flee and find safety elsewhere. There was

other evidence that people had made it out. "Carts and horses are gone from stables, ships missing from docks, and strongboxes cleaned out of money and jewelry," he said.

To trace survivors, Tuck started with the names of families known to have lived in Pompeii. He searched for those names in the historical records of nearby communities dated after the eruption. The records included tens of thousands of names inscribed on walls and tombstones. Tuck also tried to identify communities nearby that grew significantly in the years after the eruption. He suspected they were making room for new residents who had escaped from Pompeii.

Through his research, Tuck tracked down more than 200 survivors in 12 cities. Many, like the Umbricius and Caltilius families, relocated to wealthy communities and prospered. Others, like the Avianii, Atilii, and Masuri families, did not fare as well.

Tuck concluded that most survivors remained close to their lost town of Pompeii. "They preferred to settle with other survivors," he said. "And they relied on social and economic networks from their original [city] as they resettled."



A cast of a person who died in Pompeii

### Blue room discovered



The special room

Researchers recently uncovered a room in the central part of Pompeii with walls painted a beautiful blue. The find is noteworthy because blue paint was expensive and difficult to come by in ancient Rome. It was reserved for use in special, elaborately decorated spaces.

In this case, the nearly 90-square-foot chamber is believed to have been a shrine where ritual activities were performed and sacred objects were kept. The artwork on the walls includes female figures representing the four seasons, agriculture, and farming. Researchers also found vases, bronze jugs and lamps, and building materials. Empty oyster shells found in the room were likely meant to be ground into powder and added to plaster for the walls.



## Kids on a hike discover a teenage T. rex

Three boys out for a hike in North Dakota discovered the rare fossil of a young Tyrannosaurus rex. Jessin Fisher and his brother Liam, who were then age 10 and 7, were exploring an area called the Hell Creek Formation with their dad, Sam, and their cousin Kaiden Madsen, who was then age 9. The kids often searched for fossils in the area but had never found one before. They spotted a huge bone poking out of the dirt.

Sam sent a photo of the fossil to Tyler Lyson, a paleontologist (scientist who studies fossils) at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in Colorado. Lyson thought it was from a duckbill dinosaur, a common fossil, and invited the boys to dig it up with his team. As soon as they got to work, however, they made

a surprising discovery: giant teeth that could only belong to a T. rex.

They dug out a huge chunk of rock containing the dinosaur's well-preserved leg, hip, skull, jaw, and other bones. A helicopter lifted it up and moved it to a trailer truck for transport to the museum. There, Lyson confirmed that the boys had found a 13- to 14-year-old T. rex that lived about 67 million years ago.

There are only about four young T. rex fossils like it in the world.

The new discovery will help scientists understand how the massive creatures grew and changed over time. Asked if he had any advice for other kids, Jessin, who wants to be a paleontologist, said, "Just to put down their electronics and go out hiking."

**DINO ZONE**  
Two famous T. rex fossils, Sue and Wyrex, were discovered in the Hell Creek Formation in North Dakota.



The boys with their family and the rock containing the fossils

The museum is designed to look like it's swirling.



### A "cloud" museum is rising in China

A new museum in southern China resembles a cloud swirling up from the ground. The Hainan Science and Technology Museum on Hainan island was inspired by the location's mix of urban and natural beauty.

The building's exterior is made up of 843 curved plastic and fiberglass pieces. The material was created to withstand the area's humid tropical weather. The structure is designed for water drainage, energy efficiency, and reduced waste.

Inside, an elevator takes visitors to the top floor. From there, they will make their way down a gently winding ramp, with views of exhibits on one side and lush gardens on the other. A massive skylight floods the building with light.

The museum will include a planetarium, indoor playground, math and science galleries, and an interactive experience. Construction began in 2021 and will be completed in 2025.



### A robotic thumb for extra grasping



The Third Thumb

Scientists in the UK have created a wearable Third Thumb, which is designed to increase range of movement, grasping ability, and carrying power. The Third Thumb helps with tasks that would otherwise be difficult with one hand or for people with mobility issues.

The device is worn around the wrist and hand and controlled by pressure sensors under the user's big toes. One sensor moves the thumb side to side, while the other moves it up and down. In testing, 98% of people who tried it learned to pick up objects within 60 seconds.



# Photos of the week

2024  
COMEDY PET  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
AWARDS  
FINALISTS



**Acro-cat**

Kazutoshi Ono took this action shot of his feline friend.



**Tight fit**

This photo Sarah Haskell took of her dog was named the overall contest winner.

SARAH HASKELL; KENICHI MORINAGA; DEBBY THOMAS; JONATHAN CASEY; KAZUTOSHI ONO; LUIZA RIBEIRO



# Photos of the week



## Dog day

Luiza Ribeiro shot this picture of her Yorkie.



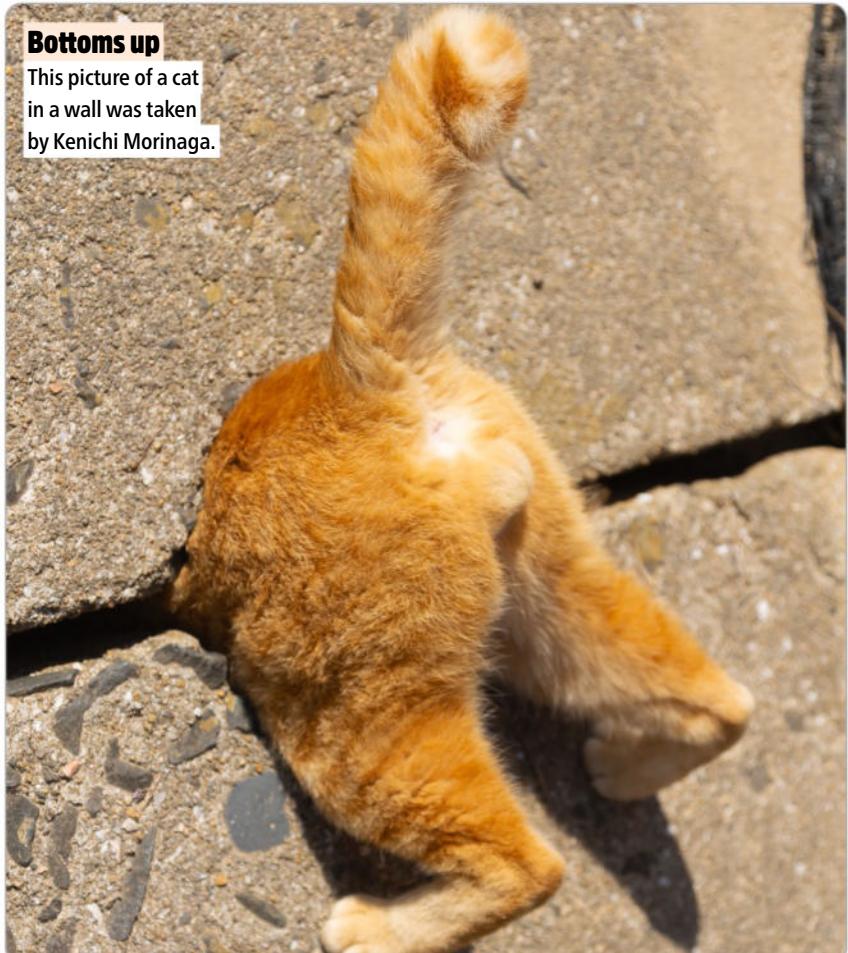
## Horsing around

This photo of a gelding was captured by Debby Thomas.



## Mighty mouthful

Jonathan Casey shot this image of his pet turtle eating a rose.



## Bottoms up

This picture of a cat in a wall was taken by Kenichi Morinaga.



# Sports

## FUN FACT

Corey Perry of the Edmonton Oilers is the first NHL player to make the Stanley Cup Final with five different teams.



Aleksander Barkov  
of the Florida Panthers  
with the Stanley Cup

## Expansion update



The NHL's new Utah team has a name for the 2024–2025 season: the Utah Hockey Club. Its colors will be rock black, salt white, and mountain blue. A fan vote for an official name is ongoing, and options include Yeti, Mammoth, Outlaws, Blizzard, and Venom.

# Panthers are Stanley Cup champs

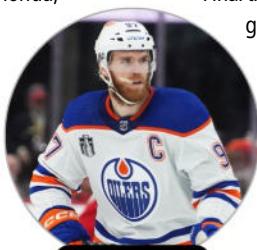
The NHL (National Hockey League) season ended on June 24 with a deciding Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Final. In front of a home crowd at Amerant Bank Arena in Sunrise, Florida, the Florida Panthers defeated the Edmonton Oilers, 2–1, to claim their first NHL title.

The teams were two out of the 16 that made the Stanley Cup Playoffs. The Panthers earned their spot by finishing the regular season in first place in the Atlantic Division of the Eastern Conference. The Oilers, meanwhile, finished second in the Pacific Division of the Western Conference. To make the Stanley Cup Final, the Panthers knocked out the New York Rangers, the NHL's top team in the

regular season, while the Oilers eliminated the Dallas Stars, the top Western Conference team.

The Panthers won the first three games of the Final thanks to stellar defending and strong goaltending from Sergei Bobrovsky.

The Oilers faced elimination starting with Game 4, but they won the next three games to tie up the series. Much of their success was due to their star center, Connor McDavid. In Game 4, he had a goal and three assists, and in Game 5 he had two goals and two assists. In the NHL, players earn one point for a goal and one point for an assist. McDavid became the first player in the league to have back-to-back four-point performances in the Stanley Cup Final.



Connor McDavid

Only one team has ever come back to win the Stanley Cup after being down 3–0 in the Final series, which made Game 7 especially exciting. The Panthers scored the first goal less than five minutes into the first period, and Edmonton tied it up a little more than two minutes later. After that, both defenses settled in and scoring chances were limited. Late in the second period, the Panthers regained the lead, and although the Oilers had several chances to score in the third period, they were unable to do so.

McDavid was awarded the Conn Smythe trophy, which is given to the Playoffs' Most Valuable Player. He is the second skater (non-goaltender) in NHL history to win it while on the losing team in the Final. He had 42 points in the postseason, the most in the NHL this year.

## THIS WEEK'S WINNERS...

### SWIMMING

The US Olympic Swimming Trials ended on June 23. Katie Ledecky, who has 10 Olympic medals, won all four of her events and made her fourth straight Games. Her teammates at the Paris Olympics will include Regan Smith, who set a new world record in the 100-meter backstroke; Gretchen Walsh, who set a new world record in the 100-meter butterfly; and seven-time Olympic gold medalist Caleb Dressel.



Katie Ledecky (left), winner of the 800-meter freestyle, with Paige Madden, who placed second in the race

### INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

On June 23, the US Men's National Team beat Bolivia, 2–0, in their first Copa America match. The tournament features the best teams in the Americas.

### TRACK AND FIELD

At the US Olympic Track and Field Trials on June 21, Quincy Wilson, age 16, broke the world record for an athlete under age 18 in the men's 400-meter race. Two days later, he did it again. He placed sixth in the final but still could make an Olympic relay team.



# Sports



Tennessee's Dylan Dreiling (right) celebrates a home run with teammate Christian Moore

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Kalamazoo, Michigan, was the site of the first NCAA Men's College World Series in 1947.

## Tennessee wins College World Series

On June 24, baseball teams from the University of Tennessee and Texas A&M University played in the third and final game of the Men's College World Series (MCWS) in Omaha, Nebraska. Tennessee won, 6–5, and earned the university's first-ever national title in the sport.

The MCWS is part of the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Division 1 Baseball Championship tournament, which began in May with 64 teams. Tennessee was the overall number one seeded (ranked) team while Texas A&M was number three. Eight teams made it to the MCWS, and Tennessee became the first overall top seed to win it since 1999.

Tennessee and Texas A&M entered the final without a loss in the MCWS. On June 22, Texas A&M won Game 1, 9–5, thanks in part to Kaedan

Kent, who had three hits, including a homer, and drove in four runs. In Game 2 the next day, Tennessee's pitchers helped deliver a 4–1 win.

The championship came down to Game 3. Tennessee's Christian Moore hit a lead-off home run in the bottom of the first inning. Texas A&M tied it up in the third, but Tennessee quickly made it 3–1. In the seventh, Tennessee scored three runs, including one by Hunter Ensley, who did a flying slide at home to avoid a tag by the Texas A&M catcher. Texas A&M scored in the eighth and ninth innings, but Tennessee held on for the win.

After the game, Tennessee's Dylan Dreiling was named Most Outstanding Player of the MCWS. He compiled a batting average of .541 along with three home runs while driving in a total of 11 runs over six MCWS games.



## COACH OF THE WEEK

Coach's Name: **Megan Allaway**

Clubs: **Long Island Soccer Club and Long Island Rough Riders**

**"Coach Megan is sweet and funny and makes me feel confident. She always helps us at games and at practice. If we get hurt, she takes care of us instantly—she's even carried us off the field. If we make a mistake, she tells us, 'That's OK, try again.' She teaches us new moves every week, and practices are fun. She is British and makes us laugh when she tries to do an American accent."** Maya, 9, New York



To nominate a Coach of the Week, send your coach's name, photo, sport, and team to [hello@theweekjunior.com](mailto:hello@theweekjunior.com). Include your name, age, state, and a few reasons why your coach is great.

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

These US athletes have qualified for or are hoping to qualify for this summer's Olympics or Paralympics in Paris. Here are some details they shared with The Week Junior about their sports.

**Nick Taylor AGE: 44**

**SPORT: BOCCIA**



"I played wheelchair tennis for 25 years. Near the end of my wheelchair tennis career, I decided I wanted to try another sport. Boccia, a throwing sport, made the most sense, especially based on my disability. It's all about accuracy and precision. You win and lose games by literally half of a millimeter. It is that tight and that close."

**Jessica Savner AGE: 32**

**SPORT: MODERN PENTATHLON**



"The modern pentathlon is running, swimming, shooting, show jumping, and fencing. I like how many different moving parts there are. You have to constantly be able to adjust and focus on something new and different, and you're always moving. It's never boring."

**Kenny Bednarek AGE: 25**

**SPORT: TRACK AND FIELD**



"To me, track and field is just the purest sport. You put spikes on, and it's you versus eight other people. You're working your butt off every single day—eating right, sleeping right—just to run a couple of seconds faster. I love it."

**Olivia Chambers AGE: 21**

**SPORT: PARA SWIMMING**



"I love how swimming is an individual sport but also a team sport. When you dive in the water, it's just you. You're racing for a best time, but you're also racing for your team. The better you do, the better you do for your team."



# Arts and entertainment



Despicable Me 4

## A new *Despicable Me* film

Former supervillain Gru and his family—which now includes a baby—go into hiding in a fourth funny adventure.

The *Despicable Me* films and *Minions* spin-offs have been so popular with moviegoers over the years that they've earned more money than any other animated franchise. A highly anticipated new film, *Despicable Me 4*, is coming to theaters on July 3 and continues the story of Gru, a supervillain turned caring family man who helps catch bad guys.

The first *Despicable Me* film came out in 2010. It followed Gru (voiced by Steve Carell) as he softened up and took in orphans Margo, Edith, and Agnes. Carell said of the character,



Miranda Cosgrove

"Some people aren't so nice, but they try to convince the world that they are. Gru is nice, but he tries to convince the world that he's not!"

*Despicable Me 4* finds Gru working for the Anti-Villain League with his wife, Lucy, and adjusting to life with their new baby,

Gru Jr. "We envisioned Gru Jr. as a mischievous little troublemaker, much like how Gru might have been as a baby," director Chris Renaud said. When Gru's old nemesis Maxime Le Mal escapes from prison, the family has to relocate and take on new identities in order to stay safe.

Moving to a new town and switching schools is especially hard for teen Margo, who is voiced by Miranda Cosgrove. She said her character "has to navigate the complexities of fitting in" as she tries not to lose who she really is. Renaud said he thinks the film's focus on adjusting to a new environment "will resonate with many."

Maxime Le Mal is voiced by funny actor Will Ferrell, who was excited to join the cast. At the *Despicable Me 4* premiere, he said the film is a good addition to the franchise. "There's amazing action, there's great comedy, it's very sweet, and it...fulfills all the expectation levels that the other three have established," he said. "It's great."

### Facts about the franchise

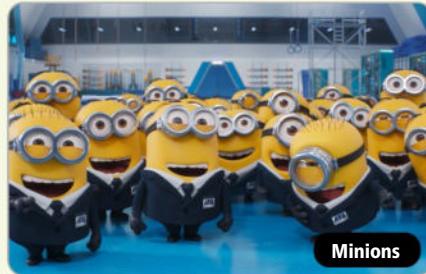
#### Animal inspiration

Gru's profile was created to resemble an emperor penguin (right). The reason for the likeness is because the males of the species care for their young, just like Gru does.



#### Special language

"Minionese" is a made-up language spoken by the Minions, Gru's tiny yellow helpers. It blends gibberish and real-world languages, including English, French, and Korean.



Minions

#### Wild ride

Minion Land opened at Universal Studios Florida last year. It includes the *Despicable Me Minion Mayhem* ride (right), a motion simulation adventure through Gru's lab with Margo, Edith, and Agnes.





**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Dolly Parton is the  
godmother of pop star  
Miley Cyrus.

Dolly Parton

## Country star is making musical

Dolly Parton, one of country music's biggest and most beloved stars, recently made an exciting announcement at CMA Fest, an event for country fans in Nashville, Tennessee. She revealed that she is working on a Broadway musical about her life. It will be called *Hello, I'm Dolly* and debut in 2026. "You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll clap, you'll stomp," she said of the show.

Parton, age 78, grew up poor in East Tennessee as one of 12 children in her family. Her father was a sharecropper (a farmer who doesn't own his land) who didn't know how to read or write. By age 10, she was writing songs, playing guitar, and performing for audiences. She later became an actress, business executive, and founder of Imagination Library, a nonprofit that provides books to children. She

has won numerous top music awards, including a Grammy for Lifetime Achievement.

The upcoming musical has the same title as Parton's first full-length solo album, released in 1967. She said the show will have new music and some well-known hits. It will not be her first Broadway show. She wrote the lyrics and music for the 2009 musical *9 to 5*, which was based on a movie of the same name from 1980. She was a star of that film and wrote and performed its title song.

One producer of

*Hello, I'm Dolly* is Adam Speers, who worked with Parton on a recent update of the *9 to 5* musical. He said, "As the world knows, Dolly is a magical blend of talent, hard work, intelligence, charm, wit, and a gigantically big heart. I'm thrilled we're going to bring her inspiring story to Broadway."



### READER RECOMMENDS

#### **Sydney to the Max** (Disney+)

"This is a funny, great show. It's about a girl named Sydney and her dad, Max. The show switches between the present and her dad's childhood in the 1990s. Sydney and young Max are similar in many ways and go through similar situations in each episode. In my favorite one, Sydney gets her ears pierced without her Grandma Judy, and Max is assigned to write an essay for a class at school. The characters always get into some kind of situation and try to solve it in a funny way. If you like to binge-watch shows, this is a good one for you!" Emerson, 10, Illinois

Do you have a film or TV show to recommend to other kids? Send your review to [hello@theweekjunior.com](mailto:hello@theweekjunior.com).

### THIS WEEK'S WATCH LIST



#### **WondLa**

(Apple TV+)

Based on the best-selling *The Search for WondLa* books, this new series is set in a future where Earth is called Orbona and inhabited by aliens. The story follows Eva, a human teen who was raised underground and begins a search for other humans on the surface of the planet.



#### **SharkFest**

(National Geographic, Disney+, Hulu)

Begins June 30

National Geographic is rolling out its annual batch of new shows about sharks. Viewers can follow research expeditions, learn about new shark-related discoveries, and see incredible underwater footage.



#### **Space Cadet**

(Amazon Prime)

This new film is a comedy about a party girl who spent her childhood wanting to go to space. After she gets into NASA's training program with made-up information, she must hide the truth about her lack of experience and impress the program directors. The film is rated PG-13.



## On screen



# Help a cat find its way home

Little Kitty, Big City is a new adventure simulation game. It was recently released for the Nintendo Switch, Xbox systems, and PC.

Cats are famously good at landing on their feet if they fall, and happily, that's the case for the feline hero of the game. It starts with the cat snoozing on a ledge outside its owner's apartment. The cat slips off but lands safely in a garbage can in the street. From then on, your job is to help the lost kitty find its way back home.

In the game, you play as the cat, who is cute and black and has green eyes that move just like a real cat's eyes do. During your adventure through the city, you have to solve puzzles while you look for fish that will give you the strength you need to make it home. Like any cat, this one can walk, jump,



climb, slink close to the ground, and push things with its paws. The game has a special button to make the cat meow, too. Along the way, the cat will encounter other animals including dogs, ducks, a chameleon, and a raccoon, and there are plenty of side quests to keep you busy.

The game play has been designed to be relaxing rather than stressful, so the puzzles you encounter aren't too difficult, and there aren't any scary moments when the cat faces harm. Instead, it shows how fun it is to be a cat.

Even without the side quests and the main task, you could keep yourself entertained just by making the cat move around, pounce, and meow at passers-by. You don't have to be a cat lover to love Little Kitty, Big City, although it does help.

### PODCAST OF THE WEEK

#### LIKE YOU: MINDFULNESS FOR KIDS

Major podcast platforms

This show was created to help young people relax and be more in touch with who they are and the world around them. It features a mixture of music, breathing exercises, and stories. It will also have you using your imagination to do things like wade through a stream or become a dragon.



### GAME OF THE WEEK



#### THE ENCHANTED WORLD

Apple App Store, Google Play

Create pathways and help a fairy get the world back in shape in this mobile game that is a collection of tile-sliding puzzles. The action takes place in a beautiful fairy-tale world where there are nine realms—including deserts, forests, and caves—and more than 30 challenges.

### VIDEO OF THE WEEK

#### WICKED: LEGO BRICKIFIED TRAILER

[tinyurl.com/TWJUS-LegoWicked](http://tinyurl.com/TWJUS-LegoWicked)

The popular Broadway musical *Wicked*, which is based on a book inspired by *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum, has been turned into a film. In this fun version of the trailer, everything has been re-created with Lego bricks.





# Book club



## SUMMER OF READING FEATURED PICK

### The Secret Library

By Kekla Magoon

(Candlewick Press)

Since Dally's fun-loving grandfather died, she's been lonely. Her wealthy mom spends all her time working on the family business and won't allow Dally to take a break from tutoring to join the Adventure Club at school. When Dally learns of a mysterious envelope that her grandfather left for her, she opens it even though she was supposed to wait until her 21st birthday. The envelope contains a map to a magical library. It's filled with books that allow Dally to travel back in time. As she checks out each book, she has surprising encounters with her mom, dad, and grandfather when they were younger, as well as ancestors, including pirates, from hundreds of years ago. Dally, who is biracial, learns more about her Black roots and even experiences the Underground Railroad, the network of secret routes that allowed people to escape slavery in the 1800s. As Dally grapples with understanding her family's secretive past, she has to make a decision that will change her life forever. This fast-paced story is primarily a fantasy but also contains historical fiction elements. Ages 10 and up



#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR YOUR BOOK CLUB

*The Secret Library* is an enchanting fantasy full of twists that gives readers plenty to think about with its themes of race, inequality, and deception. Here are questions to get a conversation going with friends and family who have also read the book.

**Should Dally have waited until she was older to explore the secret library? Why or why not?**

**How do you think Dally's life would be different if her family's past hadn't been kept secret?**

**What are some ways that Dally shows courage?**

**Why was it important for Dally to discover more about her father's side of the family?**

**Which of Dally's adventures was the most thrilling?**

**How does Dally become more connected to the Black community as the story unfolds?**



Our list of "The 50 Books Kids Love Most," details about entering our Summer of Reading sweepstakes, and more can be found at [kids.theweekjunior.com/summerofreading](https://kids.theweekjunior.com/summerofreading).

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### Ask the Author Ambassador

Kekla Magoon is an award-winning author who has written many middle-grade novels, including the best-selling *The Season of Styx Malone*. She spoke to *The Week Junior* about the inspiration for her latest book, *The Secret Library*.



#### What sparked the idea for this book?

I once heard someone say they had a secret library. The library was hidden away in their home, but at first I thought it was a library that was full of secrets.

#### Is Dally similar to you?

Dally and I are both biracial—our moms are white and our dads are Black. But I was a quiet child who stayed at home and was content to live in my own imagination, while Dally wants to be out in the world exploring.



#### If you could time travel, where would you go?

I'd go to the future. It would be great to find out what we did right or wrong and come back with ideas that lead to a more just society.

#### What middle school book has stayed with you?

I found *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor to be very powerful. It doesn't shy away from the difficulties that Black people have experienced. It also has a girl on the cover who looked like me.

#### What's a fun fact about you?

I was a synchronized swimmer in high school.

#### If you weren't a writer, what job would you want to have?

I think it would be super cool to be an architect. I love the idea of building and creating things.

#### Funnel cake or cotton candy?

Funnel cake because I love the powdered sugar and crispy edges!





BONUS  
RECIPE  
SECTION

How to...

# Make refreshing summer dishes

These delicious recipes for breakfast, lunch, snacks, and drinks use the best of the season's fruits and vegetables.

## CRUNCHY RAINBOW BROCCOLI SALAD

### Ingredients

#### FOR THE SALAD:

- 2 small crowns (about 5 cups) broccoli florets and stems, chopped into bite-size pieces
- 1 small red bell pepper, sliced
- 2 cups shredded red cabbage
- 1 large carrot, peeled and grated
- Fresh cilantro, for garnish (optional)
- Chopped peanuts, for garnish (optional)

#### FOR THE DRESSING:

- ½ cup natural peanut butter
- 4 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1 clove garlic, grated
- 1-inch knob fresh ginger, grated
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar

### DID YOU KNOW?

A single coconut palm tree can produce between 50 and 100 coconuts a year.



### WARNING!

Ask an adult's permission before using a knife, stove, oven, blender, or food processor for any recipes on these pages.

### Instructions

1. Bring a small pot of water to a boil. Add the broccoli and cook until bright green and crisp-tender, about 1 minute. Drain broccoli, then rinse it with cool water to stop the cooking.
2. Pat the broccoli dry, then place it in a large bowl. Add the remaining salad ingredients.
3. In a medium bowl, combine all the ingredients for the dressing with ¼ cup water and whisk until smooth.
4. Drizzle the vegetables with half the dressing. Toss just before serving, and if you like, sprinkle with cilantro and peanuts. Serve with additional dressing on the side. Makes 8 servings.

## CREAMY COCONUT LIME SLUSHIE

### Ingredients

- 4 limes, halved
- ¼ teaspoon lime zest
- 6 tablespoons cream of coconut (such as Coco Lopez)

### Instructions

1. Slice one of the lime halves into thin rounds and set aside.
2. Juice the remaining limes and pour the juice into blender. Discard the peels. Add the zest, cream of coconut, and 3 cups of ice to the blender and blend until smooth.
3. Serve immediately and garnish each glass with a lime slice. Makes 3 servings.



## SMOKY CAPRESE FRENCH BREAD PIZZA

### Ingredients

- 1 (18-inch) baguette
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup pizza sauce
- $1\frac{1}{3}$  cups shredded smoked mozzarella
- 1 large tomato, thinly sliced into half moons
- Handful of fresh basil leaves, chopped
- Balsamic glaze, for drizzling (optional)

### SLICE OF HISTORY

The word "pizza" was first mentioned in a manuscript found in southern Italy from the year 997.

### Instructions

1. Heat oven to 400° F. Halve the baguette crosswise, then halve each piece lengthwise to form four equal pieces. Arrange them cut-side up on a baking sheet lined with aluminum foil.
2. Spoon and evenly spread 3 tablespoons of pizza sauce onto each baguette. Then top each baguette with  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup of cheese, followed by a layer of tomato slices.
3. Bake until the bread is golden around the edges and the cheese is melted, about 10 minutes.
4. Let cool slightly, then sprinkle with basil and, if using, balsamic glaze. Slice and serve immediately. Makes 4 pizzas.



## ROASTED CORN QUESADILLAS

### Ingredients

- 4 (8-inch) flour tortillas
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup tomatillo salsa, plus more for serving
- $1\frac{1}{3}$  cups frozen fire roasted corn, thawed
- 1 cup shredded Mexican blend cheese
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup fresh cilantro, leaves and tender stems
- Vegetable oil

### Instructions

1. Use the back of a spoon to evenly spread 2 tablespoons of salsa onto a tortilla.
2. Scatter half of the tortilla with  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup of corn and add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of cheese on top, followed by  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the cilantro.
3. Fold the other half of the tortilla over the filling to form a half circle. Repeat with the other tortillas and ingredients.
4. Brush a nonstick skillet lightly with vegetable oil. Place skillet on stovetop over medium-low heat. Add a quesadilla and cook until golden and toasted on the underside, about 4 minutes. Use a spatula to flip it and toast the other side, about 2 minutes. Slide the quesadilla onto a plate and repeat steps with the other quesadillas.
5. Slice each into 3 wedges and serve immediately with more salsa. Makes 4 servings.





# How to...

## SUPER-SIMPLE MANGO SORBET

### Ingredients

- 4 cups frozen mango
- 1 cup frozen pineapple
- 2 to 3 tablespoons agave syrup (optional)

### Instructions

1. Place all the ingredients in the bowl of a food processor and pulse until the mixture has the texture of coarse crumbles.
2. Turn on the processor and continue to blend, stopping to scrape down the sides as needed, until the mixture is smooth and creamy like soft serve. (This process may take several minutes.)
3. Serve the sorbet immediately, or keep frozen until ready to scoop. Makes 4 servings.



### FUN FACT

Mangos are one of the most popular fruits in the world and were first grown in India more than 5,000 years ago.

## WATERMELON PIZZA WEDGES

### Ingredients

- 1 round slice watermelon, cut 1½ inch thick
- ½ cup vanilla Greek yogurt
- ¼ cup cherries, pitted and halved
- ¼ cup trimmed and sliced strawberries
- ¾ cup mixed blueberries, blackberries, and raspberries

### Instructions

1. Cut the watermelon slice into 6 even wedges.
2. Top each watermelon slice with a heaping tablespoon of the yogurt, then decorate with the fruit. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.



# How to...



## WRITE TO US!

Did you try any of these recipes? We'd love to hear from you! Ask an adult to email a photo and a quote to hello@theweekjunior.com.



## NO-CHURN PEACH COBBLER ICE CREAM

### Ingredients

- 1 (14-ounce) can condensed milk
- 1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
- ¾ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1¾ cups heavy cream
- 4 graham crackers, broken into pieces
- 6 tablespoons peach preserves
- ½ fresh peach, roughly chopped
- 3 tablespoons pecans, roughly chopped

### Instructions

- In a large bowl, whisk together the condensed milk, vanilla, and cinnamon.
- In another bowl, use a hand mixer set on medium speed to whip the heavy cream until stiff peaks form, about 2 minutes. Gently fold the whipped cream into the condensed milk mixture.
- Fold the graham crackers into the ice cream base, then pour the mixture into a loaf pan. Dot peach preserves on the surface of the mixture, then use a spoon to gently swirl it in. Smooth the top, then add the chopped peaches and pecans.
- Freeze the ice cream until solid, about 6 hours. Makes about 8 servings.

## STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE SHAKE

### Ingredients

- 2 cups fresh strawberries, quartered, plus more sliced and set aside for serving
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 2 cups vanilla ice cream
- 1½ cups prepared pound cake, cubed, plus more for serving
- ½ cup of your favorite type of milk
- Festive paper straws (optional)

### Instructions

- Combine the strawberries and sugar in a medium bowl and stir until the berries become glossy. Use a fork or potato masher to mash the berries into slightly smaller pieces. They will become more juicy.
- Set aside ½ cup of the berries, then place the remaining berries in a blender along with the ice cream, pound cake, and milk. Blend until smooth.
- To serve, spoon 2 tablespoons of the reserved strawberries into a tall glass. Pour milkshake on top and garnish with berry slices and pound cake cubes as you wish. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.





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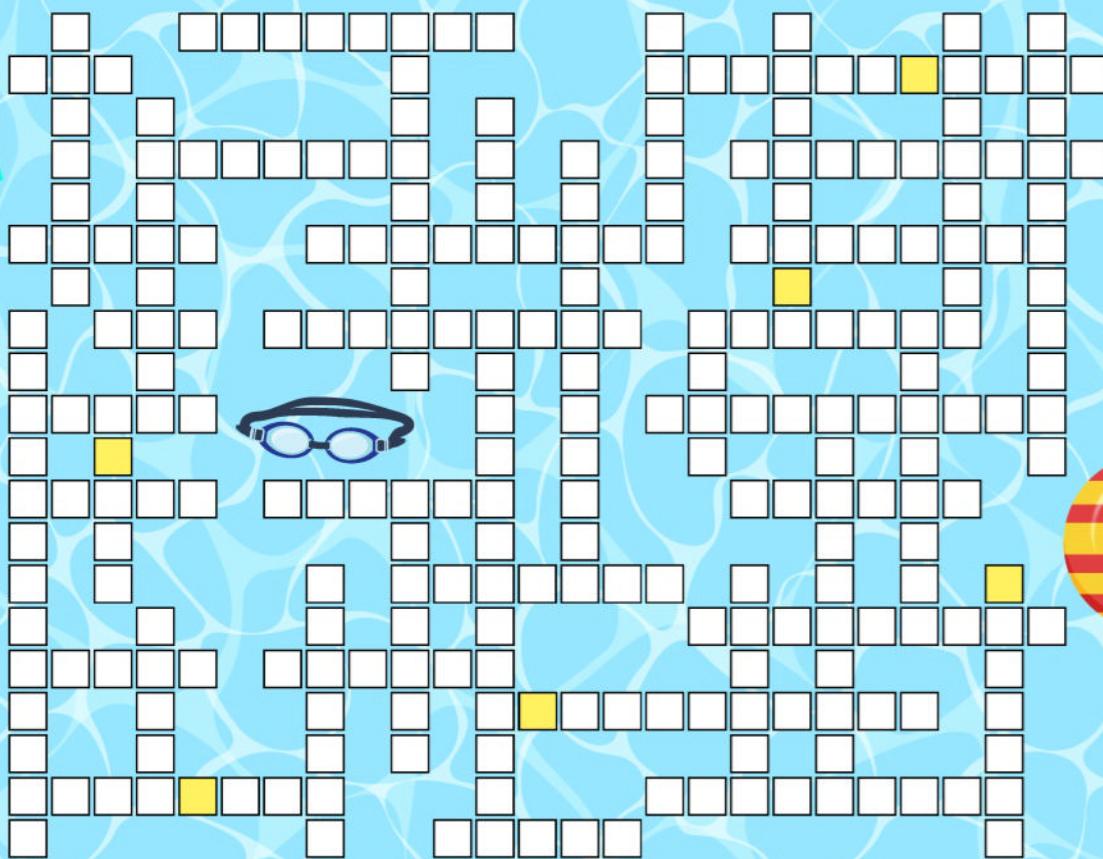
# Puzzles

# Summer brain games

## Super water sports crisscross

Each of these words associated with water sports fits into this grid. Can you find where each one goes to complete the grid? When you're done, transfer the letters in the yellow boxes, in order from top to bottom, into the boxes below to get the answer to the riddle.

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**3 letters**

OAR  
WIN

**4 letters**

CREW  
GEAR

**5 letters**

BEACH  
OCEAN  
RACES  
RELAY  
RIVER  
TOWEL  
WAVES

**6 letters**

JET SKI  
MARINA  
NOODLE  
RAPIDS  
SPLASH

**7 letters**

BOATING  
GOOGLES  
PADDLES  
RAFTING  
REGATTA  
RIPTIDE  
SURFING

**8 letters**

COXSWAIN  
EARPLUGS  
FLIPPERS  
KAYAKING  
LIFE VEST  
NOSE CLIP  
PRACTICE

**9 letters**

HYDROFOIL  
LONGBOARD  
MARCO POLO  
RASHGUARD  
STOPWATCH  
WATER SKIS

**11 letters**

BATHING SUIT  
COMPETITION  
INFLATABLES  
PARASAILING

**13 letters**

FISHING TACKLE  
WATER AEROBICS

Q: What's the most useful way to arrange a pair of oars? A:





# Puzzles

## Categories

Here are 16 items and four categories. Many items overlap categories, but can you label each photo **A**, **B**, **C**, or **D** so you end up with four sets of four items each?

**A** = Sweet things   **B** = Things beginning with an "M"   **C** = White things   **D** = Liquid things



## Rhyme & reason

Answer each clue with a rhyming phrase like FIX STICKS. Then transfer the highlighted letters into the numbered boxes at the right to reveal the mystery rhyme. Work back and forth to solve the whole puzzle.

"Diving off the side is prohibited," for example

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Slightly more damp mollusk

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Beach particles packaged the way baked beans are

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## Four corners

Divide this grid along the lines into rectangles and squares, so that a single number appears in each shape. That number must match the number of boxes making up the shape.

EXAMPLE

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	6	
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2		3
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	1	
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2	3	4

## JUGGLING ACT

Use the letters O, L, and A in any order to complete each four-letter word.

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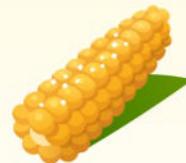
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# Puzzles

## County fair word search

Can you find all these words associated with a county fair in the grid? They are hidden horizontally, vertically, or diagonally and can be forward or backward. When you're done, read the remaining letters to get a bonus message.

AGRICULTURE	ICE POP
BAKEOFF	JUDGES
BANDSTAND	LEMONADE
BARN	LIGHTS
BOOTH	MIDWAY
CHAMPION	MUSIC
CONTEST	PIES
CORNDOG	PRIZE
COTTON CANDY	RACE
COWS	RIDES
CRAFTS	RING TOSS
DEMO	ROOSTER
EXHIBITS	SHEEP
FENCE	SHOW
FERRIS WHEEL	SODA
FUNNEL CAKE	SPIN ART
GAMES	TENT
GOATS	TICKETS
GRASS	TRACTOR
HOGS	TRINKETS



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T	T	Y	W	S
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R	K	N	V	S
I	C	E	P	O
D	I	T	O	P
T	T	E	A	N
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A	E	N	T	A
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U	G	N	A	N
T	L	R	O	T
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R	U	W	S	M
A	D	C	O	T
G	L	I	T	T
E	S	T	F	G
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G	P	R	E	Y



## Spot the difference

These two photographs of sandcastles appear to be the same, but take a closer look. There are actually five differences. Can you see them?

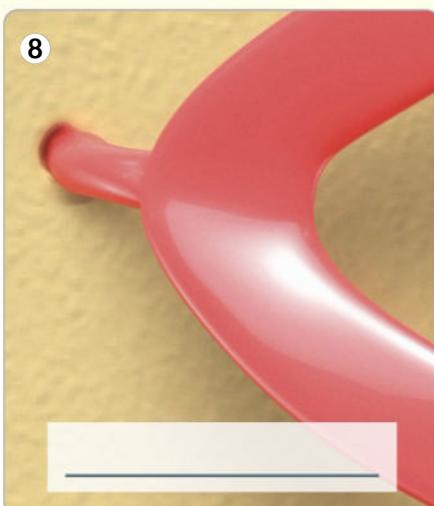
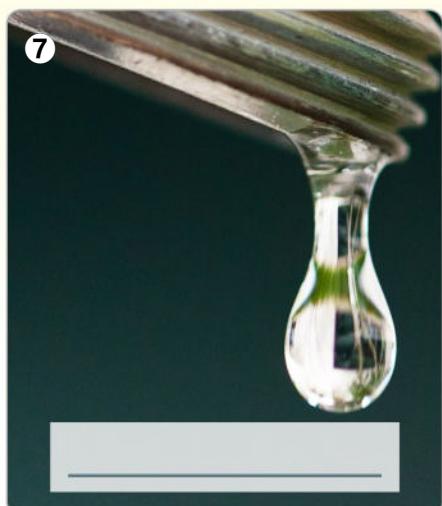
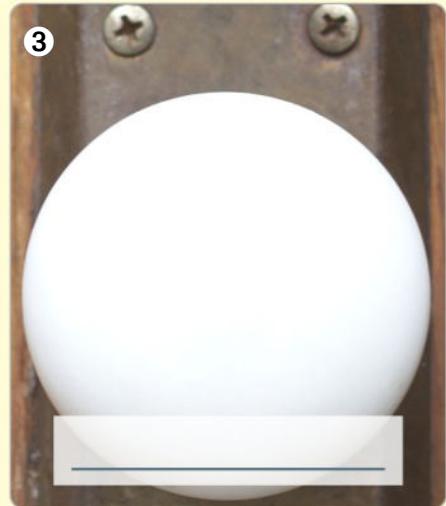
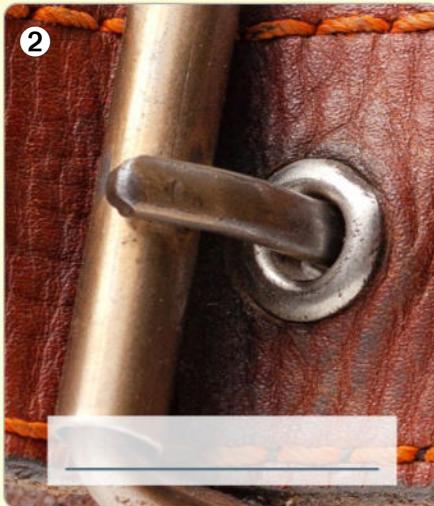




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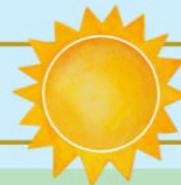
## Up close

Each of these photos is an extreme close-up of something familiar. Can you recognize each one?





# Puzzles



## Summer advice word ladder

To change the word KEEP into the word SAFE, use each clue to fill in a word that is only one letter different from the word before it. Three shaded answer words don't have clues. Use the answers before and after those words to determine what words belong in those boxes to continue the chain. If you get stuck, try solving from the bottom up. When you're finished, read all five shaded words from top to bottom to reveal some good summer advice.

**K   E   E   P**Very sharp, like an owl's eyesight ► 

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Anyone between the ages of 13 and 19 ► 

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Word that means "What happened next was..." ► 

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"Better late \_\_\_ never" ► 

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Have a short, friendly conversation ► 

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A British fellow ► 

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Cut up into small pieces ► 

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Farm structure where hens lay their eggs ► 

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Abbreviation after the name of many very large companies ► 

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Common freshwater fish ► 

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A genie's home before he is summoned ► 

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Walk with a hurt leg ► 

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Fruit that looks like a green lemon ► 

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Kind of performer who uses no props and never speaks ► 

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Diamonds might be extracted from here ► 

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Common answer to the question "How are you?" ► 

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Wheel on a bicycle or automobile ► 

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Scrabble piece ► 

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Fictional story ► 

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Method a store might use to attract shoppers ► 

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**S   A   F   E**

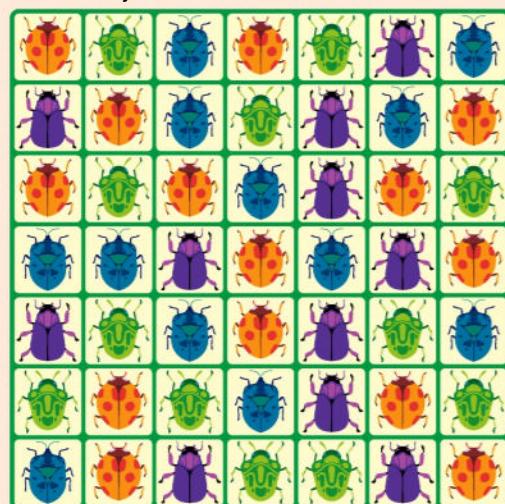
## Find the match

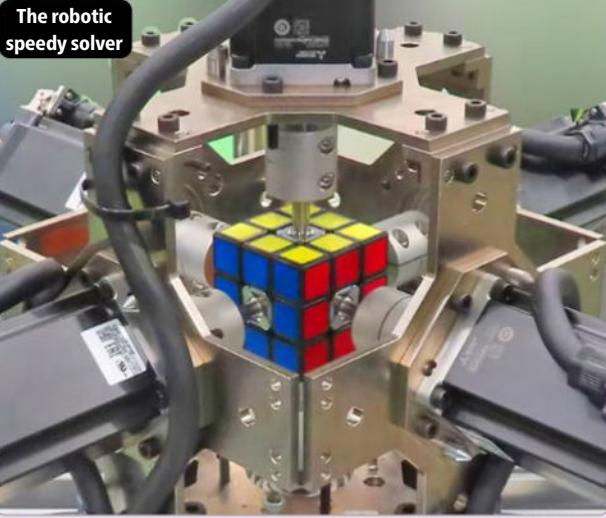
Can you tell which two of these pictures of a cyclist are the same?



## Bug hunt

There are two separate spots in this grid where a square is formed that contains one of each of the four bugs shown. Can you find them both?





## Robot sets puzzle cube record

A robot built by Japanese engineers has smashed the world record for the fastest time to solve a rotating puzzle cube, commonly known as a Rubik's cube. The Rubik's cube is a six-sided cube with nine colored squares on each side. To solve the puzzle, the robot had to make all the squares on each side match in color. The record for a human to solve the cube is 3.13 seconds, but the robot solved it in the blink of an eye—literally. It took about 0.31 seconds, as quickly as a human blinks.



## Build your own Notre-Dame

While the world waits for the reopening of the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, France, Lego fans can create a miniature version of the historic building at home. Complete with arches, columns, a tall spire, and many other architectural details, the 4,383-piece set includes a removable roof so enthusiasts can peek inside at Notre-Dame's famous rose windows. "We wanted Lego fans to retrace the architectural journey and evolution of this landmark," said designer Rok Žgalin Kobe, "to encourage a deeper appreciation for its real-life counterpart."



## Faking food for film fantasies

An artist who makes mouth-wateringly realistic fake food models is "stunned" by the response her work has received. Kerry Samantha Boyes makes each piece at her Fake Food Workshop in Scotland, UK—often for museums and TV shows. She's gotten a lot of attention ever since her replica "raspberry ripple ice creams" were featured in the Barbie movie last year. Boyes keeps her recipe and process a closely guarded secret but told BBC News that one of her materials is painted resin. She describes her work as "a blend of art, culinary innovation, and sculptural finesse."



## Twin mania at a middle school

Attendees at the "moving up" ceremony at Pollard Middle School in Massachusetts might have thought they were seeing double. This year's eighth-grade class included 23 sets of twins who graduated together. The 46 twins—plus a student whose twin attends a different school—made up about 10% of the class of 454 students. Approximately 3% of babies born in the US are twins, and principal Tamatha Bibbo said having more than 10 pairs in a grade is "quite unusual." "I think one time I had six sets of twins in one class," said student Cal Hammerstrand.

# That's unbelievable!



James Lichtenstein takes the leap.

## Daring dives in a big-city setting

Cliff divers usually jump from rocky ledges, but last month 24 athletes dove off a museum. The Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, Massachusetts, was the 100th stop of the Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series, in which top divers compete at locations around the world. Leaping from 90-foot-high platforms at the waterfront museum, 12 men and 12 women performed somersaults and twists as they soared toward the chilly waters of Boston Harbor. Men's champion Aidan Heslop said that at a previous event in Greece, he'd felt a lot of pressure to perform well. "Here," he said, "I wanted to have a bit more fun."



Rooms at Team Riley Headquarters

## A very emotional experience

*Inside Out* fans can make special memories at a new "Headquarters" near Las Vegas, Nevada. The vacation rental company Airbnb is offering stays in early July at the property, which is inspired by the film *Inside Out 2*. At Team Riley Headquarters, the company says visitors can "get to know her new emotions" in colorful rooms dedicated to Joy, Sadness, Anxiety, and more. Guests can also play air hockey, go on a "feelings-filled" scavenger hunt, and enjoy pizzas with themed toppings. They can create their own memory orb and even "take the helm of Riley's control center" at the top of a tall tower. Joy, the property's host, said, "I'm getting giddy just thinking about it!"



Another round, please!

## An innovative cheese invention

If you've ever wished for an unlimited amount of cheese, the UK has a restaurant for you. Pick and Cheese, in London, is the site of the world's first cheese conveyor belt. Customers can pluck color-coded plates from the belt as it moves through the dining room carrying varieties such as cheddar, mozzarella, gouda, and brie, along with meats and accompaniments like pickles, nuts, and jam. "Off-belt" dishes, such as grilled cheese sandwiches and stilton cheese gelato, can be ordered separately. And on Wednesdays, diners can enjoy "bottomless" plates—all the cheese they can eat in an hour and 15 minutes—for about \$35.

## Real or fake?



Is this an acro-bear?

## Bear does high-flying stunts

A bear raised at a sanctuary in Pennsylvania has developed a knack for acrobatics. Rescued as a cub, Mojo the bear first learned to follow basic commands like "sit" and "lie down" before moving on to more challenging tricks such as jumping and catching treats in his paws. After sessions with an expert trainer and a team of acrobats, Mojo recently made his debut performing mid-air flips in front of crowds at a county fair. Does this story ring true, or is it un-bear-ably unrealistic?\*

\*Fake! The bear in the photo was not jumping but falling. It was spotted high up in a tree near a Pennsylvania high school. Officials used a ladder to safely tranquillize it, then caught it in a trap as it fell. They plan to release it back into the wild.



# Your turn



## Editor's note



Summer is in full swing, and we're celebrating with a special issue of *The Week Junior*. Our cover story spotlights the opening of *Despicable Me 4*, the latest release in the popular movie franchise (p20). Are you planning to see it during your school break? To add to the film fun, our senior art director, Vicky, has placed extra Minions throughout the issue. Besides the one above, can you find five more? This issue is also packed with bonus pages of seasonal recipes (p24) and summer-themed puzzles (p28). If you make any of the recipes, let us know how they turn out! Send a photo and a quote to [hello@theweekjunior.com](mailto:hello@theweekjunior.com) for a chance to be featured in the magazine. Our Nature Photo Contest is underway, too, and I hope it inspires you to head outdoors to capture shots of flowers, animals, or landscapes. Find the entry details on page 11. Our team is taking a break next week, but we will be back after that to send you Issue 222. Happy summer!

Andrea Barbalich  
Editor-in-Chief



## CHARITY OF THE WEEK



# Little Free Library

This organization promotes reading by giving people around the world access to free books. Its volunteers set up outdoor bookcases, called Little Free Libraries (LFL), in their neighborhoods, and people in the community fill them with books they want to give away. People are encouraged to take a book and leave a book. There are more than 150,000 LFLs on all seven continents. Find out more at [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org).

# Meeting an aviation hero

“I went with my mom, my brother, and a friend to Pensacola, Florida, recently to see the Blue Angels, the US Navy’s flight demonstration group. Just the day before, I got *The Week Junior*, which had an article about the Blue Angels. My favorite part of the air show was the pass called the Diamond 360 maneuver where the jets were very close together. After the show, we went to the museum where the pilots were giving autographs. I got in line and Lieutenant Commander Amanda Lee signed my copy of *The Week Junior* under the article about the Blue Angels. Her smile lit up the room when she realized she was one of the pilots featured in the magazine. It was truly special.”

Christopher, 11, Alabama



**Have you done something interesting or raised money for a cause you care about? Whatever you're up to, we want to hear about it at [hello@theweekjunior.com](mailto:hello@theweekjunior.com).**

# SUMMER OF READING

## Enter to win books!

This is the fourth issue of our Summer of Reading campaign! We hope you enjoy our interview with Author Ambassador Kekla Magoon and a review of her new book *The Secret Library* (p23). Our reading challenge continues!

Once you've finished any three books, go to [tinyurl.com/TWJUS-ReadingChallenge](http://tinyurl.com/TWJUS-ReadingChallenge) with an adult to enter our sweepstakes. Four winners will win books, and one will win books and a video call with an Author Ambassador. For our list of "The 50 Books Kids Love Most," go to [kids.theweekjunior.com/summerofreading](http://kids.theweekjunior.com/summerofreading).



## RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

What gets wet at the same time it dries?

## *A towel*

# THE WEEK Junior IT'S YOUR TURN

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# Quiz

## How much of this issue's news can you remember?

1 In the video game Little Kitty, Big City, what color are the cat's eyes?

a) Blue b) Brown c) Green

a  b  c

2 Who was the first female artist inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame?

a) Aretha Franklin b) Etta James c) Tina Turner

a  b  c

3 True or false? Male sea otters are more likely than females to use tools.

True  False

4 What is the name of Dolly Parton's upcoming Broadway musical?



5 True or false? Three boys in North Dakota found a fossil from a Stegosaurus.

True  False

6 In a study, bumblebees working in pairs did what when their partner was delayed?

a) Waited b) Worked harder c) Gave up

a  b  c

7 Which actor is the voice of Maxim Le Mal in *Despicable Me 4*?

a) Adam Sandler b) Nick Kroll c) Will Ferrell

a  b  c

8 How much money did Melinda French Gates pledge to support women and girls?



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9 True or false? All the citizens of Pompeii died when Mount Vesuvius erupted.

True  False

10 In the book *The Secret Library*, who left Dally the envelope with the map to the magical library?

a) Her aunt b) Her grandfather c) Her mother

a  b  c

11 Two beluga whales were recently moved from Ukraine to what country?

12 Willie Mays made his Major League Baseball debut with which team?

a) New York Giants

b) New York Mets

c) New York Yankees

a  b  c

13 What was the name of the historic route used to deliver US mail in 1860 and 1861?

14 Which team did the US defeat in its first match in the Copa America soccer tournament?

a) Argentina b) Bolivia c) Canada

a  b  c

15 In what UK city is the world's first cheese conveyor belt located?

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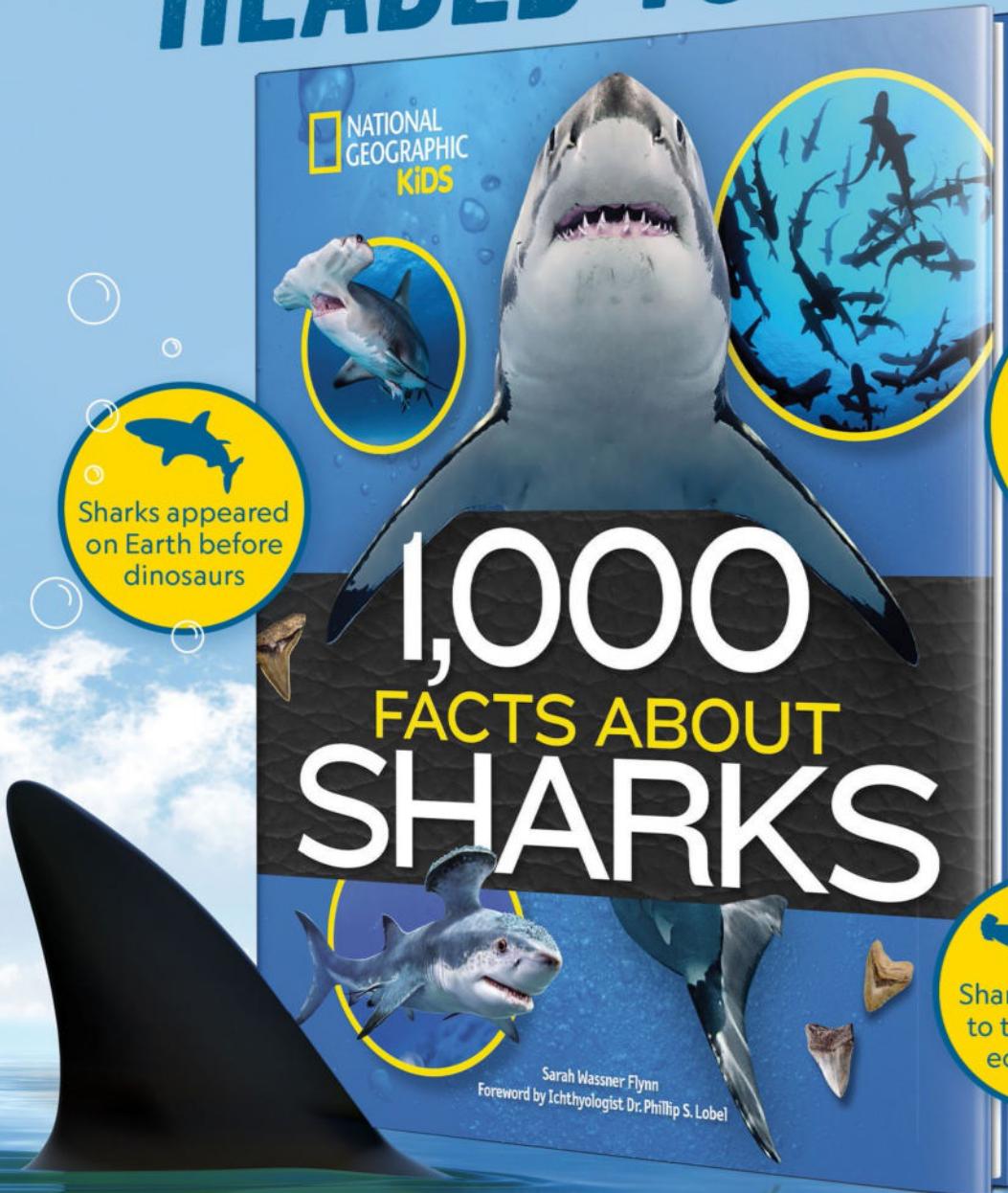
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